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Re: Application of Kenji HIRASAWA  
**CARD TRANSPORTING MECHANISM FOR CARD READER**  
Assignee: KABUSHIKI KAISHA SANKYO SEIKI SEISAKUSHO  
Our Ref: Q58719

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/542,866 (Confirmation No. 6171 ) filed on April 04, 2000 of Kenji HIRASAWA entitled CARD TRANSPORTING MECHANISM FOR CARD READER.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2876.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on April 15, 2002 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P.Hei. 11-136084	May 17, 1999
Japan	P.Hei. 11-136215	May 17, 1999
Japan	P.Hei. 11-143167	May 24, 1999
Japan	P.Hei. 11-245260	August 31, 1999

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/542,866.

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02 FC:102	336.00 OP
03 FC:103	126.00 OP
04 FC:104	280.00 OP



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The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>27</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>7</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$126.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>7</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>4</u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$336.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$740.00</u>
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**TOTAL FILING FEE** **\$1482.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$1482.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/542,866. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellen R. Smith".

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